## Office of Public Instruction

## Information Technology Division

The OPI Information Technology Division designs and operates the different electronic systems used by the OPI to conduct daily operations, communications, and the collection and reporting of all school district information. E-mail is now the main form of all written communication between the OPI and local school districts. The division's functions include:

- Operates the OPI Web site, which receives more than 2 million visits each year;
- Maintains electronic communication between the OPI, all of Montana's 855 schools, County Superintendents, Tribal Educators and the Board of Public Education;
- Installs, secures, and operates the OPI's 40 information technology systems;
- Creates and supports the software unique to the OPI that is used to administer programs, saving taxpayers millions of dollars;
- Runs the OPI "No Computer Left Behind" program which has distributed more than 3,400 surplus state government computers to 220 schools;
- Operates the "Jobs for Teachers" Web site which notifies teachers and school administrators of job openings and provides for online teacher application for job positions;
- Operates a knowledge database for educators and the public to "Get Answers" to their questions concerning the OPI or educational issues;
- Partners with Fish, Wildlife and Parks to deliver video-on-demand;
- Runs the Governor's "Montana NewsLink" site, used by all state agencies to post press releases for distribution to the news media;
- Hosts the Legislature's Web site, providing up-to-date information and tracking of all legislative bills and public hearing information;
- Provides video-on-demand services to K-12 education and the public;
- Cooperatives with Legislative Services to provide video streaming of the House and Senate Chambers and committee hearings;
- Hosts the Board of Public Education's Web site:
- Provides desktop publishing services for the production of all of the OPI publications; and
- Provides word processing and mail services for the OPI staff.

